

## INTRODUCTION

Individuals who submit an application (DHS-390) for home help services or adult community placement must be given written notification of approval or denial for services. A written notice must be sent within the 45 day standard of promptness.

Clients with active service cases must be provided written notice of any change in their services (increase, reduction, suspension or termination).

### Written Notification of Disposition

All notifications are documented under ASCAP contacts when they are generated. This documentation acts as the file copy for the case record. For this purpose, the form letters used are:

- DHS-1210, Services Approval Notice.
- DHS-1212A, Adequate Negative Action Notice.
- DHS-1212, Advance Negative Action Notice.

Each notification letter includes an explanation of the procedures for requesting an administrative hearing.

The adult services specialist **must sign** the bottom of the second page of all notices (DHS-1210, DHS-1212A, DHS-1212) before they are mailed to the client.

### Services Approval Notice (DHS-1210)

#### ***Notification Services Have Been Approved***

If independent living services (non-payment services) or adult community placement services are approved, the DHS-1210, Services Approval Notice, is sent indicating what services have been authorized.

If home help services will be authorized, note the amount and the payment effective date. Print and attach a copy of the Time and Task worksheet. The DHS-1210 is completed and generated through the Adult Service Comprehensive Assessment Program (ASCAP).

***Notification Services Have Been Increased***

The DHS-1210 must also be used when there is an increase in the amount of home help services on an open case. Appropriate notations must be entered in the comment section. A copy of the Time and Task worksheet must be printed and sent with the notice.

**Adequate  
Negative Action  
Notice (DHS-  
1212A)**

The DHS-1212A, Adequate Negative Action Notice, is used and generated on ASCAP when home help services and adult community placement services cases have been denied. Appropriate notations **must** be entered in the comment section explaining the reason for the denial.

Adequate Negative Action Notices **do not** require a 10 business day notice to the client.

**Advance  
Negative Action  
Notice (DHS-  
1212)**

The DHS-1212, Advance Negative Action Notice, is used and generated on ASCAP when there is a reduction, suspension or termination of services. Appropriate notations must be entered in the comment section to explain the reason for the negative action.

- Reduced - decrease in payment.
- Suspended - payments stopped but case remains open.
- Terminated - case closure.

***Administrative Hearings***

The client may appeal any negative action by requesting an administrative hearing. A DCH-0092, Request for Hearing form, is generated whenever a negative action notice is printed from ASCAP and must be mailed to the client with the negative action notice.

**Note:** Home help providers **cannot** appeal a negative action given to the client. Only the client can request an administrative hearing.

Hearing procedures are explained in Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM 600, Hearings).

***Negative Actions Requiring Ten Day Notice***

The effective date of the negative action is ten business days **after** the date the notice is mailed to the client. The effective date must be entered on the negative action notice.

If the client does not request an administrative hearing before the effective date, the adult services specialist must proceed with the proposed action.

If the client requests an administrative hearing before the effective date of the negative action, and the specialist is made aware of the hearing request, continue payments until a hearing decision has been made. If the specialist is made aware of the hearing request **after** payments have ended, payments must be reinstated pending the outcome of the hearing. Offer the client the option of discontinuing payment pending the hearing decision.

**Note:** When payments are continued pending the outcome of a hearing, the client must repay any overpayments if the department's negative action is upheld. Initiate recoupment procedures by sending the client a Recoupment Letter.

***Negative Actions Not Requiring Ten Day Notice***

The following situations **do not** require the ten business day notice on negative actions:

- The department has factual confirmation of the death of the client (negative action notice must be mailed to the guardian or individual acting on the client's behalf) or death of the service provider.

**Note:** Cases should remain open until all appropriate payments have been issued.

- The department receives a verbal or written statement from the client, stating they no longer want or require services, or that they want services reduced.

**Note:** This information must be clearly documented in the general narrative of ASCAP. Written notices must be maintained in the paper case file and documented in the general narrative.

- The department receives a verbal or written statement from the client that contains information requiring a negative action. The

statement must acknowledge the client is aware the negative action is required **and** they understand the action will occur.

**Example:** A home help services client informs the specialist that they are engaged and will be married on a specific date. They also acknowledge that their new spouse will be responsible for meeting their personal care needs and they will no longer qualify for home help services.

**Note:** This information must be clearly documented in the general narrative of ASCAP. Written notices must be maintained in the paper case file and documented in the general narrative.

- The client has been admitted to an institution or setting (for example, hospital, nursing home) where the client no longer qualifies for federal financial participation under the Medicaid State Plan for personal care services in the community.

**Note:** When a client is admitted to a hospital or nursing home, the facility is reimbursed for the client's care on the day the client is admitted, but not for the day of discharge. The home help provider cannot be reimbursed for the date the client is admitted to the facility but may be paid for the day of discharge.

- The client cannot be located and the department mail directed to the client's last known address has been returned by the post office indicating the forwarding address is unknown.

**Note:** In this circumstance, a services payment must be made available if the client is located during the payment period covered by the returned warrant.

- The client has been accepted for services in a new jurisdiction and that fact has been established by the jurisdiction previously providing services.
- The time frame for a services payment, granted for a specific time period, has elapsed. The client was informed, in writing, at the time payments were initiated, that services would automatically terminate at the end of the specified period.

**Example:** The DHS-1210 clearly states a begin and end date for the services payments.

**LEGAL BASE**

Administrative Rule 400.901 and 902 (Hearings and Appeals)

**JOINT POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT**

*The Adult Services Manual (ASM) policy has been developed jointly by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS).*